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THROUGH :

SUBJECT : Possible New Airfield in West China

REFERENCE : Requirement No. NSA/SPO/R-170-72
NPIC Project 251448

1. In response to the requirement, a 10-nautical-mile (nm) radius of 38-30N 110-25E and 38-41N 110-38E was searched for any evidence of a new airfield. No airfield was observed within the search areas.

2. An operational airfield was observed, however, at 37-52-03N 110-04-04E, 1.8 nm northwest of Khiu-mi-chia and 30 nm southeast of Yu-lin. This airfield consists of a 2,600-meter northwest/southeast concrete runway with a parallel taxiway, two end-connecting links, three crossover links, two alert/parking aprons, and a parking apron.

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Ten BAT aircraft were observed.

3. The entire search area was covered by snow-covered monoscopic photography of fair-to-good interpretability

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4. The airfield was in the initial stages of construction on photography. Activity at that time consisted of intermittent grading for portions of the runway and parallel taxiway. The overall appearance of the grading operations resembled the surrounding cultivated field patterns and thus was not discernible as airfield construction. There was no indication of construction activity

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5. Questions regarding this project may be directed to the imagery analyst [redacted] of the West China Branch, EGD/IEG on extension [redacted] This project is considered to be complete.

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